

ANC 2F | Community Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
MAY 25, 2016

7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON PLAZA HOTEL
10 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

Attendance

PRESENT

Louis Cipro
Joyce Cowan*
Commissioner Deeley (2F08)
Joel Heisey
Helen Kramer
Commissioner Lamare (2F05)
Jim Loucks
Commissioner Sylvester (2F07)
Ron Rubin*

ABSENT

Dave Feinstein
John Long
Greg Melcher

GUESTS AND PRESENTERS

Tisha Allen, DC Preservation League
Keith Sendall, 1302 Rhode Island Ave, NW
Randall Mars, Randall Mars Architects
Ann Luskey, 1322 Vermont Ave, NW
Gozde Tanveri, ADG+G

**denotes Committee member(s) not present for all votes*

Committee meeting **called to order** by CDC Chair Commissioner Kevin Deeley at **7:05 p.m.**

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Deeley moved to adopt the draft agenda without modification; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous; Cowan and Rubin not present)

Approval of April 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Deeley moved to adopt the April 27, 2016 meeting minutes, including the edits emailed by Helen Kramer to the Executive Director in advance of the meeting; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 6-0-1 (Cowan and Rubin not present)

Old Business

[none]

New Business

Denrike Buiding at 1010 Vermont Ave, NW

Tisha Allen, DC Preservation League

Historic landmark designation

Tisha Allen of the DC Preservation League requested the Committee's support for the historic landmark designation application for the Denrike Building. Allen detailed the building's historic character, and compared it to that of the nearby Securities and Barr buildings. Allen shared that there were no known objections to the designation, and she explained the rationale for submitting this application separate from that of the Fifteenth Street Financial District in which the Denrike

Building is located.

Helen Kramer moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to HPRB supporting the application of the DC Preservation League for a historic landmark designation for the Denrike building, given the building's distinctive architectural characteristics and unique merit, both of which significantly contribute to the downtown financial district; the motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

Vote: 7-1-1

Fifteenth Street Financial District

Tisha Allen, DC Preservation League

Historic landmark designation amendment

Tisha Allen of the DC Preservation League requested the Committee's support for the historic landmark designation amendment for the Fifteenth Street Financial District (nine buildings total). Allen explained that the requested name change to the designation would allow for historic preservation regulations to apply to the district. Allen said the amendment was intended to protect the most historically significant portions of the financial district.

Joel Heisey moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to HPRB supporting the application of the DC Preservation League for a historic landmark designation amendment for the Fifteenth Street Financial District; the motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

Vote: 8-1

1302 Rhode Island Ave, NW

Keith Sendall, owner

DDOT public space application for paving and landscaping

Keith Sendall, owner of 1302 Rhode Island Ave, NW, requested the Committee's support for the DDOT public space application necessary to allow him to replace the overgrown plants in the public space abutting the front of his property with a manicured, landscaped area.

Commissioner Deeley moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to the DDOT Public Space Committee supporting the public space application for front yard landscaping plans as presented by the applicant; the motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

1322 Vermont Ave, NW

Randall Mars, Randall Mars Architects
Ann Luskey, owner

HPRB concept, massing, and design

Randall Mars, architect for the owner of 1322 Vermont Ave, NW, requested the Committee's support for historic concept, massing, and design of a garage and secure parking addition to the rear of the property. Mars detailed design plans and his conversations with HPO staff member Steve Callcott. Owner Ann Luskey detailed her extensive contact with neighbors. An adjacent neighbor present at the meeting spoke in support of the design.

The Committee members sought greater clarity from the presented elevations, and provided feedback on the proposed building materials and color scheme.

Commissioner Sylvester moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to HPO in support of the plans for the basic design as presented by the application with modifications of the upper porcelain panels to be replaced with red brick, and the inclusion of faux windows; the motion was seconded and approved by the Committee.

1307 Riggs St, NW

Gozde Tanyeri, ADG+G

HPRB concept, massing, and design

Gozde Tanyeri, architect for the project, requested the Committee's support for historic concept, massing, and design of an expansion of the existing structure to 60% lot occupancy, and removal and replacement of the existing entry door. Tanyeri detailed the project design and plans to the Committee.

The Committee inquired about outreach, and provided design input on the proposed windows, spiral staircase, and front door plan.

Jim Loucks moved that the CDC recommend that the full ANC send a letter to HPO in support of the application with the following design alterations:

- The header heights of the basement windows should not be lowered;
- The basement door should be retained or, at a minimum, an apparent door should be included though it may be blocked; and
- The main entranceway should more closely resemble its original appearance, as seen at 1311-1315 Riggs Street.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Committee. Meeting adjourned at **8:20 p.m.**